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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the Northeast, steady in all other areas. Retail demand was moderate at best, mostly slow to fair. Food service was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were usually mostly adequate with availability irregular in the Northeast. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Wings were tight to well balanced with good movement, and all other items were adequate or available with fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/30-11/03/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
(Includes branded product)					
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Bos/New Eng	53.00-54.00	53.97	16	57.35	30
Chicago	47.00-51.00	51.24	46	54.28	87
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.84	32
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.46	13
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	64.83	26
Detroit	48.00-50.50	50.44	16	56.43	46
Los Angeles	66.00	63.70	71	62.70	127
New York	50.00-53.00	51.77	26	56.86	63
Philadelphia	48.00-51.00	49.70	10	50.46	23
Pittsburgh	49.50-52.00	50.18	11	56.02	59
St. Louis	50.75-51.00	49.97	21	54.29	46
San Francisco	66.50	65.57	30	64.68	81
CORRECTION ON LAST MONDAY'S					
Los Angeles	66.00	63.89	69	62.14	128

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/30/00	Change/Last Wk	10/23/00	11/01/99
633	58.23	0.40	57.83	58.81

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	54.00-59.00	58.27	46
Central	54.00-59.00	56.81	59
West	55.00-61.50	61.05	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-62.00	61.25	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,112	47.00-63.00	60.23
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	4,465
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.50	1,675
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	795
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	9,440
WINGS	72.00	3,085

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best as dealers assessed immediate needs. Offerings of the smaller birds were usually available, however, the larger sizes ranged adequate to tight. Movement into retail and distributive channels was generally fair at best. The market tone was steady to fully steady on the larger sizes, cautiously steady to instances weak on the lighter birds. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available at times. Wings were clearing well and the balance of items were more than sufficient for the limited buyer interest.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was slow to fair with light trading. Supplies were usually balanced to satisfy limited trade needs. In the parts structure, drumsticks and breast fronts were adequate to well cleared with active interest. Wings were no more than adequate and moving, and the remaining items were more than sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices. The market tone was about steady. Offerings fully adequate. Retail demand good to cover planned features elsewhere moderate. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 28-31 and 4/10s 30-31, bone-in breasts 73-81 and boneless breasts 118-120 mainly 120. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .03 to 56.68 with the volume reported unchanged at 34 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices on deliveries this week into Chicago and St. Louis were unchanged, Detroit slightly higher and Ohio too few to report from last Monday's final's. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment steady. Retail demand slow to fair. Food service movement moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks generally balanced with sizes desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts ample, leg quarters available, wings were tight with the balance of items sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on wngs, steady to barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts and steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate following the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to tight. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processings schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	39-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.21
NO. OF BOXES	13,640
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to no better than fair entering the week, and many dealers were beginning to keep inventories more closely balanced in preparation for the arrival of traditional Thanksgiving items. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available. Dark meat items were usually sufficient, and wings continued to clear well. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate with best interest centering around attractive promotions. The market tone was about steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	125.68	782,120
TENDERLOINS	185-190	213.21	144,996
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	70.19	303,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	65.57	215,280
LEGS	35-36	39.09	242,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	29.09	568,864
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	37.01	237,660
THIGHS	30-31	33.62	174,070
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.28	48,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	79.66	333,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	101,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.23	87,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.10	130,920
INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).			

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,088	105.00-132.00	110-115	114.33
TENDERLOINS	143	189.00-256.00	-	214.54
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	321	66.00-75.00	69-72	69.14
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,090	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,398	27.00-30.00	27	27.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	210	57.00-74.00	67	64.62
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,295	28.00-40.00	30	29.96

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/30	10/26	10/26	10/23	10/19
ALA	3,969	3,936	4.97	3,618	4.95
ARK	5,239	5,156	4.87	4,890	4.84
DELMARVA	2,336	2,281	5.10	2,267	5.00
KY-LA-TN	1,972	2,028	4.43	1,855	4.39
MISS	2,831	2,759	5.04	2,828	5.08
NC	2,448	2,656	5.82	2,136	5.83
TEXAS	2,314	2,319	4.71	2,253	4.79
TOTAL	21,109	21,135	5.00	19,847	4.99
MON	21,109(A)			19,847(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Oct 2000 is estimated to be 31,581,000 up 6.04 percent from a week ago and up 3.14 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,782,000, last year 30,619,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	649	125.00-200.00	140-145	163.86
TENDERLOINS	157	215.00-255.00	215-220	220.26
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	72.00-76.00	-	73.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	317	24.00-27.00	25-26	24.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	959	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	150	65.00-85.00	-	78.83
WINGS (CUT)	541	85.00-102.00	-	90.47
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 30, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.50 - 52.00	49.87	49.79

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 30-OCT-2000 TO 03-NOV-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 130.00	117.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	67.00 - 80.00	67.00 - 70.00
LEGS	35.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 31.00	26.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	64.00 - 78.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 21.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	79
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-103
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		149-165

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 27-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.00			

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-19.00	16.50	18.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.66	16.50	18.00	17.00
848,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	15.00-20.75	12.00-15.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.11	19.82	13.71	14.00
1,813,000 pounds, this includes 973,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate, with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	5-6	5.53

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 27-OCT-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	-	14.50
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			14.50
102,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	17.50	10.75-13.50	13.00-14.25
WTD AVERAGE	17.01	17.50	12.32	13.75
1,271,600 pounds, this includes 496,400 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were short to about adequate and clearing easily. The market tone was mixed but generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-9.5	3.5-6	4.96

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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